

REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-12, 15, 16, 19-23, 26, 27 and 30-33 are pending in the application, with Claims 1, 5, 12, 16, 23 and 27 being independent. Claims 1, 5, 12, 16, 23 and 27 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Initially, the Official Action acknowledges that certified copies of the priority documents were received by the Patent Office, but indicates that the documents have not been placed of record in the file. In this regard, Applicant encloses herewith copies of the previously filed priority documents, along with the date-stamped postcard, and requests that these documents be made of record in the official file.

In the Official Action, Claims 5, 8-11, 16, 19-22, 27 and 30-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as lacking adequate written description of the feature “associating each display object with size information having a relation between a size of a document output area and a size of a displayed object.” This rejection is respectfully traversed. Support for this feature of Applicant’s invention can be found in the original specification as filed, at least at page 17, lines 2-26, page 15, lines 17-19, page 16, lines 12-14, and FIGS. 2, 5, and 6. In addition, without conceding the propriety of the rejection, independent Claims 5, 16, and 27, have been amended herein to even more closely match the description of this feature in the specification.

Claims 1, 4, 12 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,896,470 (Miyaza). Claims 23 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over the Miyaza patent. Claims 5, 8, 11, 16, 19, 22, 27, 30 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over the Miyaza patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,136,399 (Aoyama). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent Claims 1, 5, 12, 16, 23, and 27 are variously directed to an information processing apparatus, an information processing method, and a memory medium storing a computer-readable program for implementing an information processing method. Independent Claims 1, 12, and 23 variously recite, *inter alia*, determining a size of each of plural kinds of objects, wherein the plural kinds of objects include characters and objects other than characters, changing the size of each of the objects based on the determined size of each object, and outputting each of the objects whose size has been changed.

Independent Claims 5, 16, and 27, variously recite, *inter alia*, displaying two or more kinds of objects included in the document data, wherein the two or more kinds of objects include characters and objects other than characters, and associating each displayed object with one of a plurality of size information having a relation between a size of a document output area and a size of an object when the document data is outputted to the output apparatus based on the layout information.

The cited documents fail to disclose at least the foregoing features of Applicant's invention.

The Office Action (at page 5, lines 5-6) asserts that the Miyaza patent discloses storing a plurality of size information between a size of a document output area and a size of each of plural kinds of objects included in the document data, wherein the plural kinds of objects include characters and objects other than characters. In particular, the Office Action states that “a line width of the component part of a character,” described at column 75, lines 35-40 of the Miyaza patent, corresponds to the claimed “objects other than characters.” However, the Miyaza patent describes at column 75, lines 12-14, that “[t]he component part recognizing means divides a character into component parts based on the detected character data to recognize the character.” That is, the “line width of the component part” described in the Miyaza patent is merely a part of a character. Thus, the Miyaza patent discloses size information relating to only one kind of object, i.e., characters. The fact that the characters are composed of component parts does not mean that those component parts constitute objects other than characters, as recited in each of the independent claims. Accordingly, the Miyaza patent does not disclose or suggest size information of plural kinds of objects, including characters and objects other than characters.

The Aoyama patent was cited for its alleged teaching of a display control means for displaying two or more objects included in the document on a display screen. However, the Aoyama patent fails to remedy the foregoing deficiencies of the Miyaza patent, noted with respect to each of the independent claims.

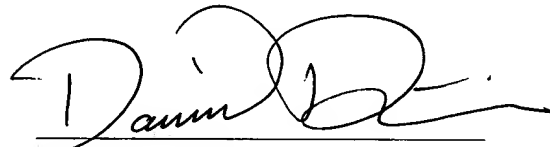
For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that independent Claims 1, 5, 12, 16, 23 and 27, are patentable over the cited art. The dependent claims also are allowable

for the same reasons as the respective independent claim from which they depend, as well as for the additional features they recite.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the claims and passage to issue of the application at the Examiner's earliest convenience are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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